

DRAFT Minutes
Juneau Commission on Sustainability
Wednesday, September 1, 2021
Zoom Conference
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

12:02 pm, by Co-Chair Anjuli Grantham. Commissioners present: Lisa Daugherty, Steve Behnke, David Teal, Duff Mitchell, CBJ liaison present: Beth McKibben. Assembly liaison present: none Planning Commission liaison present: none General public present:none.

II. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. August 4, 2021

Steve motioned to approve the minutes; Duff 2nd.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Letter of Support for Alaska Heat Smart grant application

Gretchen is drafting a letter of support to supplements Alaska Heat Smart's HUD grant application. It is for the Healthy Homes program with a focus on installing heat pumps in lower income homes. They will partner with the Carbon Offset Fund and Tlingit and Haida for needed energy efficiency upgrades. It is due September 21 and is for \$1-2 million.

Duff made a motion for JCOS to to submit a letter support for Alaska Heat Smart's grant application, to be written by the chair. Dave 2nd.

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

- There will be a sustainability session on Set 23, from 12-1 pm on EV planning in Juneau. Lori Sowa, Devon Kibby, and Alec Mesdag will be the speakers, and Steve will co-moderate with Anjuli. October is energy efficiency month. Steve will explore tie-ins to CBJ projects.
- Pathways update - the energy and inventory data is still progressing slowly. The energy subcommittee is working with the Public Works and Facilities Dept to create a scope of work for a spreadsheet-based model that can be manipulated to project and track outcomes. Steve would like to see a landfill GHG component included JCOS would commit to working closely with the consultant to create a *tool*, not a *plan*. There should be a “business as usual” forecast with different possible scenarios to get to 80% renewable by 2040. Steve is helping with a scope of work and David will help with the output side of things. Next steps. Duff is suggesting a 1/2 -1 cent per gallon CBJ tax on all fuel, which would then make fuel data available. The tax money could be used to fund a staff person to be a CBJ “energy manager.” It was suggested that a work session could help flesh out the idea.
- Lisa recapped the recent Public Works and Engineering committee meeting. The committee is going to the full Assembly with a proposal for a \$50,000 compost pilot project and a \$100,000 Zero-Waste Plan exploration/initial stage project. A representative from Waste Management’s regional office presented a much different story to the PWE committee than the local manager did several months previous. The landfill is going to be managed by a new team and will include improvements to mitigate smell and wind-blown litter. Some of the measures are very encouraging. Some of the information was questionable. It was decided that it would be appropriate for the solid waste subcommittee to write a letter to PWE to provide more information and to ensure we are part of these meetings. Duff made motion for SW subcommittee to draft a letter to PWE and forward to the chair for submission; Steve 2nd.
- In honor of National Drive Electric week there will be an event on October 2, 12-2pm. There will be a soap box for the Mayor and/or candidates to talk about their energy views. The energy subcommittee will revise the proclamation for Energy Efficiency Day to submit to the Assembly.
- Anjuli asked about grant writing capacity. JEDC is trying to get funding for more grant writing help. Should discuss more, perhaps at a work session.

VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

VIII. Next meeting Sept 15 work session. October 6, regular meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting Adjourned 1 pm??

Submitted by Lisa Daugherty, Secretary

